



Milwaukee County

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MAKING IT EASIER TO CARRY GUNS, BUT HARDER TO VOTE

Legislature should not restrict rights of workers, voters while loosening rules for gun owners

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., released the following statement regarding recent developments in the State Legislature:

“The State Legislature is considering two items of great concern to me as an elected official in Milwaukee County. The proposed Voter ID bill restricts the rights of citizens to cast votes in elections. Another bill is under consideration that would allow for the concealed carry of weapons, including handguns. One version of this bill doesn’t even require a license or permit for concealed carry.

“It’s appalling that members of the State Legislature feel the need to trample on voter rights while at the same time loosening rules for dangerous weapons. Do they not know that guns kill people? Do they not understand the impact this policy would have on a major metropolitan city like Milwaukee? We see homicides on almost a daily basis during the summer. Loosening rules on guns will affect crime here in a very negative way.

“I am particularly concerned that concealed weapons would be allowed onboard Milwaukee County Transit System buses; in the main terminal of General Mitchell International Airport; and in our parks, zoo, museums and mental health complex. These are all places where families expect to be safe.

“If the bill becomes law, Milwaukee County would be forced to install additional magnetometers at all public entrances, at a cost of \$8,000 each, as well as provide storage lockers. Considering the hundreds of properties owned by the County, containing thousands of public entrances, the cost to taxpayers could reach millions of dollars.

“So, let’s review. Apparently, it’s OK to restrict the rights of workers and voters in Wisconsin. But, it’s not OK to restrict the concealing and carrying of dangerous weapons. How does this make sense? This is outrageous. Simply outrageous.”

Supervisor Biddle is currently crafting a resolution to oppose the proposed concealed carry bill and expects that it will be considered during this month’s County Board Committee cycle. Citizens are encouraged to contact their legislators to express concerns about the bill.

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